

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on U.S. Navy/Marine Corps Fiscal Year 2007 Supplemental Request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Donald Winter, Secretary; and ADM Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and GEN James T. Conway, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

### HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Aviation Security Challenges. Testimony was heard from Edmund S. (Kip) Hawley, Director, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; and Cathleen Berrick, Assistant Director, GAO.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Transportation Security Challenges. Testimony was heard from Edmund S. (Kip) Hawley, Director, Transportation Security Administration, Cathleen Berrick, Assistant Director, GAO; and public witnesses.

### INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, held a hearing on Overview of National Forest Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; and Abigail R. Kimball, Chief, U.S. Forest Service.

### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS' AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Related Agencies. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the American Battle Monuments Commission: GEN. Frederick M. Franks, Jr., U.S. Army (Ret), Chairman; and BG. John W. Nicholson, U.S. Army (Ret) Secretary; John Paul Woodley, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Arlington National Cemetery; and Timothy C. Cox, Chief Operating Officer, Armed Forces Retirement Home.

### AFGHANISTAN SECURITY AND STABILITY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on an assessment of security and stability in Afghanistan and developments in U.S. strategy and operations. Testi-

mony was heard from Mary Beth Long, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs, Department of Defense; John Anthony Gastright, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary, South and Central Asian Affairs and Coordinator for Afghanistan, Department of State; and LTG General Karl Eikenberry, USA, former Commander, Combined Forces Command-Afghanistan.

### MILITARY HEALTH CARE BUDGET

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing to review the fiscal year 2008 military health care budget and the challenges facing the military health care system. Testimony was heard from William Winkenwerder, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense.

### MARINE CORPS/NAVY RESET REQUIREMENTS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces and the Subcommittee on Readiness held a joint hearing on U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Navy reset requirements. Testimony was heard from LTG Emerson Gardner, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Programs and Resources; and VADM Jonathon Greenert, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Integration of Capabilities and Resources, both with the Department of the Navy.

### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET FY 2008

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services Fiscal Year 2008 Budget. Testimony was heard from Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

### CLIMATE CHANGE PRIVATE SECTOR VIEWS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "Addressing Climate Change—Views from Private Sector Panels." Testimony was heard from former Representative Philip R. Sharp of Indiana; and public witnesses.

### FDA'S DRUG SUPPLY SAFETY

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "The Adequacy of FDA to Assure the Safety of the Drug Supply. Testimony was heard from Senator Grassley; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; OVERSIGHT PLAN**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 835, To reauthorize the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians; and H.R. 556, amended, National Security Foreign Investment Reform and Strengthened Transparency Act of 2007.

The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 110th Congress.

**FUTURE OF THE UN**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Held a hearing on the Future of the United Nations under Ban Ki-Moon. Testimony was heard from former Senator Timothy E. Wirth of Colorado; former Senator George Mitchell of Maine and former Co-Chair, U.S. Institute for Peace Task Forces on the United Nations; and John Bolton, former U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

**BORDER SECURITY**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled "Border Security: Infrastructure, Technology, and the Human Element." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security; David V. Aguilar, Chief, Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and RADM David Pekoske, USCG, U.S. Coast Guard.

**RAIL AND MASS TRANSIT SECURITY**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled "Rail and Mass Transit Security: Industry and Labor Perspectives." Testimony was heard from Fred Weiderhold, Inspector General, AMTRAK, and public witnesses.

**FEDERAL AGENCY REGULATORY PLANNING AND REVIEW**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing entitled "Amending Executive Order 12866: Good Governance or Regulatory Usurpation?" Testimony was heard from Steven D. Aitken, Acting Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; Curtis W. Copeland, Specialist in American National Government, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

**EXECUTIVE BRANCH REFORM ACT; WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION ENHANCEMENT ACT**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Held a hearing on the following: the Executive Branch Reform Act of 2007; and the Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Tom Devine, Legal Director, GAO; and public witnesses.

**EARTH AND CLIMATE SCIENCE**

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Held a hearing on National Imperatives for Earth and Climate Science (National Academy of Sciences Decadal Survey) Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**FEDERAL AGENCY REGULATORY PLANNING AND REVIEW**

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on Amending Executive Order 12866: Good Governance or Regulatory Usurpation? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**PUBLIC-PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIPS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing entitled "Public-Private Partnerships: Innovative Financing and Protecting the Public Interest." Testimony was heard from Tyler Duvall, Assistant Secretary, Transportation Policy, Department of Transportation; Frank Busalacchi, Secretary of Transportation, State of Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

**RAIL WORKER FATIGUE**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled "Fatigue in the Rail Industry." Testimony was heard from Joseph Boardman, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Mark V. Rosenker, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; and public witnesses.

**MEDICARE BUDGET PROPOSALS FY 2008**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Medicare portions of the President's Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Proposals. Testimony was heard from Leslie V. Norwalk, Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND POVERTY; SUBCOMMITTEE ORGANIZATION**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a hearing on

economic opportunity and poverty in America. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Prior to the hearing, the Subcommittee met for organizational purposes.

### EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on Earned Income Tax Credit Outreach. Testimony was heard from Richard J. Morgante, Commissioner, Wage and Investment Division, IRS, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2007

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to receive a briefing regarding Iranian activities in Iraq, 3 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the semiannual monetary policy report to the Congress, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2008 budget proposals on tax compliance, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Trade, Tourism, and Economic Development, to hold hearings to examine overseas sweatshop abuses, focusing on their impact on U.S. workers and the need for anti-sweatshop legislation, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Fisheries and Coast Guard, to hold an oversight hearing to examine recent setbacks to the Coast Guard Deepwater Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* business meeting to consider S. 556, to reauthorize the Head Start Act, S. 558, to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services, and the nomination of Leon R. Sequeira, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 4, to make the United States more secure by implementing unfinished recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to fight the war on terror more effectively, to improve homeland security, S. 343, to extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999, S. 457, to extend the date on which the National Security Personnel System will first apply to certain defense laboratories, a proposed bill to preserve existing judgeships on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, S. 550, to preserve existing judgeships on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, S. 171, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Commerce Street in Commerce, Oklahoma, as the "Mickey Mantle Post Office Building", S. 194 and H.R. 49, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 North Frontage Road West in Vail, Colorado, as the "Gerald R. Ford,

Jr. Post Office Building", S. 219 and H.R. 335, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 152 North 5th Street in Laramie, Wyoming, as the "Gale W. McGee Post Office", S. 303, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 324 Main Street in Grambling, Louisiana, shall be known and designated as the "Coach Eddie Robinson Post Office Building", S. 412 and H.R. 521, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2633 11th Street in Rock Island, Illinois, as the "Lane Evans Post Office Building", H.R. 433, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1700 Main Street in Little Rock, Arkansas, as the "Scipio A. Jones Post Office Building", H.R. 514, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16150 Aviation Loop Drive in Brooksville, Florida, as the "Sergeant Lea Robert Mills Brooksville Aviation Branch Post Office", and H.R. 577, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3903 South Congress Avenue in Austin, Texas, as the "Sergeant Henry Ybarra III Post Office Building", 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine judicial security and independence, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* to hold hearings to examine Senate Committee budget Requests, 11:30 a.m., SR-301.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* to meet for organizational purposes; followed by a hearing on the 2007 Farm bill proposals of the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* on Budget Overview, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Budget request from the Department of the Army, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the challenges for the Special Operations Command (SOCOM) posed by the global terrorist threat, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget,* hearing on Members Day, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and Labor,* to consider the following: Oversight Plan for the 110th Congress; and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 800, Employee Free Choice Act; and H.R. 493, Genetic Information Non-discrimination Act of 2007, 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Covering the Uninsured Through the Eyes of a Child," 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Next Steps in Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process, 2:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, Preparedness, and Response Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology, hearing entitled "Understanding the Budget and